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Amendments to the Claims

## Claims:

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A tufted carpet having reduced shrinkage, said carpet comprising:

(a) at least one pile layer tufted through a base substrate and

(b) at least one backing layer disposed at a position below the base substrate and spaced apart from the base substrate with at least one layer of adhesive disposed at a position intermediate the base substrate and said at least one backing layer.

(c) wherein said ~~pile layer comprises fibers tufted into said backing layer,~~  
~~further wherein said at least one backing layer of said tufted carpet consists~~  
~~essentially of polypropylene tape fibers forming said backing layer~~ at least one  
backing layer comprises a plurality of polypropylene fibers;

(d) further wherein said polypropylene tape fibers comprise from about 10 ppm to about 800 ppm of a nucleator compound and

(e) said polypropylene tape fibers exhibiting a tensile strength of at least about 3 grams/denier;

(f) further wherein said polypropylene tape fibers exhibit a shrinkage rate after exposure to 150°C hot air of less than about 2%.

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5. (Previously Presented) The carpet of Claim 4 wherein said nucleator compound is selected from the group consisting of p-MDBS, 3,4-DMDBS, 2,4,5-TMDBS, DBS, NA-11, NA-21, and any mixtures thereof.
6. (Original) The carpet of Claim 5 wherein said nucleating agent is p-MDBS.
- 7-14. (Canceled)
15. (New) The carpet of claim 4, wherein at least a portion of the polypropylene fibers are tape fibers.
16. (New) The carpet of claim 4, wherein said at least one backing layer consists essentially of a plurality of polypropylene tape fibers and wherein said polypropylene fibers comprise from about 10 ppm to about 800 ppm of a nucleator compound.